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Dear Dr. Baidwan:

Thank you for your leadership and care in convening the Death Review Panel (DRP) and producing *Our Time to Act: A Review of Intimate Partner Violence-Related Deaths in British Columbia, 2026-2024*.

We share the desire to see the work progress in a meaningful way and agree with the spirit of the recommendations and actions included. We appreciate that these recommendations and actions reflect the significant expertise of the panel assembled for this review.

As previously shared by panel members with your office, and in the interest of setting clear expectations moving forward, it is important to note that considerable effort is already underway across government to respond to Dr. Stanton's review of intimate partner and sexual violence. Much of this work supports the issues raised in the DRP.

Additionally, collaboration and coordination remain key to the Province's ability to improve the system, close gaps and increase the safety of people impacted by intimate partner violence. The actions requested by your office will require external leadership, including federal partners, the RCMP and Municipal Police Departments, community-based anti-violence organizations, and several independent oversight bodies – such as the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia and the British Columbia College of Social Workers. The Province is unable to commit to timelines on behalf of these entities in the absence of close consultation to ensure their capacity to meaningfully contribute.

This work is essential but complex. To ensure a sustainable approach, we are pleased to advise you the Province will integrate these recommendations into the broader efforts already underway to respond to Dr. Stanton's report.

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Aligning this work under coordinated leadership will allow the Province to establish timelines and sequencing that are achievable and positioned to deliver the greatest impact.

The Province can commit to the following:

- A review of the DRP recommendations, alongside the Stanton recommendations by the government and anti-violence sector committees guiding the response to the Stanton Report to ensure all approved commitments are coordinated and the delivery and timing are responsive to funding cycles and existing program delivery requirements. This will ensure that the DRP recommendations are considered as part of the Province's ongoing government-wide coordination to address GBV.
- Establish central oversight for response to the DRP under what Dr. Stanton referred to as an 'internal accountability mechanism.' As such, delivery of the DRP recommendations will be coordinated centrally and will not be ministry specific as assigned in the DRP. Central coordination will allow the Province to align efforts and sequencing across ministries and portfolios to ensure any actions taken are both sustainable and impactful.
- Provide an update on progress, timing, and sequencing in the Summer Update on the Stanton Report and broader system change.

Sincerely,



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